

Appl. No. 10/827,509
Amendment dated
Reply to Office action of May 8, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 43-45 have been canceled. Claims 46-48 are newly added. The Amendment leaves claims 1-42, 46-48 pending.

The Examiner has identified two groups, namely: Group I, claims 1-42; Group II, claims 43-45. Applicant has elected Group I, claims 1-42, with traverse.

Reconsideration and removal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. Applicant believes that the application may be most efficiently examined if all groups identified by the Examiner were searched and examined at one time, and such action is earnestly solicited, MPEP 803. If the restriction requirement is removed, reinstatement of claims 43-45 is respectfully requested.

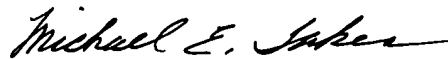
The Examiner has identified 12 species, namely: Species A, Fig. 2; Species B, Fig. 3; Species C, Fig. 4; Species D, Fig. 5; Species E, Fig. 6; Species F, Fig. 7; Species G, Fig. 8; Species H, Fig. 10; Species I, Fig. 11; Species J, Fig. 12; Species K, Fig. 13; Species L, Fig. 14. Applicant has elected Species K, Fig. 13, with traverse.

Reconsideration and removal of the species restriction requirement is respectfully requested. Applicant believes that the application may be most efficiently examined if all species identified by the Examiner were searched and examined at one time, and such action is earnestly solicited, MPEP 803.

Responsive to the Examiner's requirement, the following is a listing of claims readable on the elected species, namely claims 1-11, 32-37, 39, 40, 46-48.

Respectfully submitted,

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